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FROM NEA/IRN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS IN LUBBOCK

1. FEDERAL JUDGE ON JULY 20 OVERTURNED RULING OF LUBBOCK
AUTHORITIES THAT WOULD HAVE RESTRICTED ROUTE OF MARCH OF
IRANIAN STUDENTS TO DOWNDOWN AREA. AUTHORITIES WERE
OBLIGED TO ISSUE PERMIT FOR ROUTE THAT PASSED HOME PUR-
CHASED BY COL. OVESSI. ON JULY 21, ESTIMATED 450 STUDENTS
TOOK PART IN MARCH, PAUSING IN FRONT OF HOME TO CHANT
SLOGANS. OTHERWISE DEMONSTRATION PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.
SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION WAS ON HAND AT HOME.

2. COINCIDENTLY, JULY 21 WAS DAY OVESSI HAD PLANNED TO
MOVE INTO HOME WITH SMALL HOUSE WARMING PARTY PLANNED
FOR THAT EVENING. HE WAS DISSUADED BY LUBBOCK SECURITY
ESCORT. CROWN PRINCE AND OVESSI ARE TRAVELING THIS WEEK-
END.

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3. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LUBBOCK MAYOR AND HIS
STAFF WHO ARE MOST COOPERATIVE. STUDENTS HAVE REQUESTED
PARADE PERMIT FOR AUGUST 18/19, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE REPORTS
THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WILL OCCUR WEEKLY DURING CROWN PRINCE-S
STAY AT REESE AFB.

4. MEANWHILE, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT PERMIT WILL BE
ISSUED HERE FOR IRANIAN STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE IN
LAFAYETTE PARK AND NEAR IRANIAN EMBASSY ON JULY 25.
ROYAL CHILDREN TENTATIVELY SLATED TO DEPART U.S. BEFORE
THAT DATE; THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LINKAGE OF DEMONSTRATION
TO THEIR PRESENCE.
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